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U.S. Serial No.: 10/694,163; Filed: October 27, 2003
Date of Mailing "Notice of Allowance and Fees Due": February 9, 2005
Confirmation No.: 3051
Title: *Medicaments*
Attorney Docket No. GR2351US5

Attached:

1. RCE transmittal with Certificate of Transmission by Facsimile (37 CFR 1.8) (in duplicate)
2. Submission in support of a Request for Continued Examination (2 pages)

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First Named Inventor	Michael Thomas RIEBE
Art Unit	1616
Examiner Name	Haghighatian, Mina
Attorney Docket Number	GR2351US5

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**SUBMISSION IN SUPPORT OF A REQUEST FOR CONTINUED
EXAMINATION PURSUANT TO 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 AND
COMMENTS ON REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE PURSUANT TO
37 C.F.R. § 1.104**

Sir:

Pursuant to the above, this serves as a submission filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination under 37 C.F.R. § 1.114 and Comments on the Reasons for Allowance under 37 C.F.R. § 1.104.

Applicants thank the Examiner for taking the time to prepare Reasons for Allowance in this application. It is respectfully submitted that the Reasons for Allowance should be amended as follows so that the Reasons for Allowance will more closely conform to the language of the allowed claims:

"[T]he primary reason for allowance is that prior art does not teach annealed particles of salbutamol. The process of annealing, which includes heating and cooling particles, allows for the particles to withstand various temperature and humidity ranges a metered dose inhaler comprising a container adapted to contain a pharmaceutical aerosol formulation; in the container the pharmaceutical aerosol formulation comprising annealed particulate salbutamol sulphate having a water content of less than about 0.4% by weight and propellant comprising 1, 1, 1, 2-tetrafluoroethane; and metering means for metering the aerosol formulation."


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In view of the above, Applicants respectfully request continued examination of the above-referenced application and entry of the above comments.

Respectfully submitted,

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